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Paul Gressling House
Buckeystown
Private

1899
James Smith

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The house is a two story ell shaped hip roof frame house. The main entrance is an eight panel door with inserted lights, three light transom and three side lights. Until after 1940 a decorative frame porch extended across the front of the residence.

A two story original addition three bays wide extends to the rear of the residence. The south side of this addition which originally accommodated a two story open porch was enclosed after 1972.

Evidence from deed research and the Titus Atlas of 1873 indicates that a building used as the Methodist Episcopal Parsonage stood in the immediate vicinity of the existing house and may have been incorporated in the construction of the house in 1899.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Paul Gressling House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

☒ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Paul Gressling

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1020

Folio #: 827

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Paul Gressling House is a two story hip roofed with cross gable frame residence which faces east from the west side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, an eight panel door with inserted lights, three light transom and three side lights is located in the second bay. The door is flanked by full length louvered aluminum shutters which are a recent addition. Until after 1940 a decorative frame porch extended across the front of the residence.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second level are 2/2 windows with replaced louvered aluminum shutters. A small 2/2 Palladian window is located in the center gable which extends from the roof over the main entrance. A two story three bayed window extends from the main block of the building on the south end and from the first bay of the rear addition on the north side.

A two story original addition three bays wide extends to the rear of the residence. The south side of this addition which originally accommodated a two story open porch was enclosed after 1972.

The entire residence is built on a low random limestone foundation and is covered by a patterned slate roof with fishscale shingling which is attached by a replaced plain boxed cornice.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	1899	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	James H. Smith
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Paul Gressling House was built in 1899, soon after James and Alice Smith acquired land from the M. J. Grove Lime Company. This parcel was added to several other parcels which were acquired from Daniel and Mary Baker, M. J. Grove Lime Company, and the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church to comprise a total of five acres.

James H. Smith was a retired farmer and general overseer of the real estate of Daniel Baker and Sons. He was the son of Thomas A. and Julia A. Smith and was born November 24, 1854.

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In 1919, James Smith sold the property to Preston Millard, a relative of his second wife.²

¹T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, p. 1029.

²Frederick County Land Records, Liber 328; Folio 255.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County, Maryland, Regional Publishing Company: Baltimore Maryland, 1967; Reprint 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .46

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

6/4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

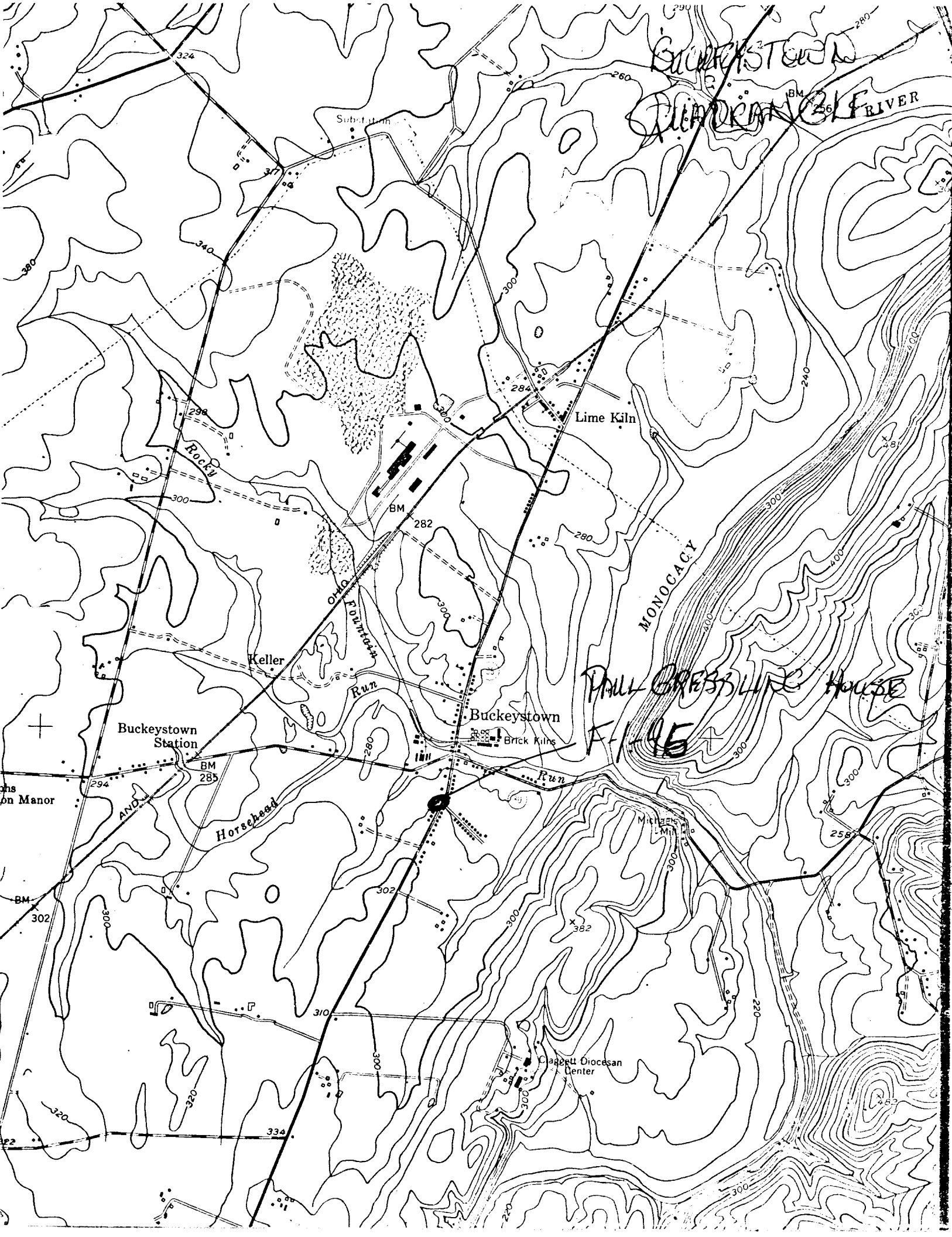
Frederick

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





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45 PAUL ~~GRESSLING~~ ^{HSE}

w/s Rte 85 HSE

BUCKEYSTOWN

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

CREW 3/29



F-1. ~~40 Dashed Lines~~

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Paul Gressling ^{the} HOUSE
W/5 Rte 85

(BULLOCKSTOWN)

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

CRW 3/79